

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and thank Williams Sausage Company for its recent investment in Union City and Obion County.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing a homegrown business that is committed to furthering economic growth and creating high-quality jobs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, longtime Tennessee food manufacturer Williams Sausage Company, Inc., recently announced that the company will build a second plant in Union City; this expansion will create 226 new jobs in Obion County over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, with its existing Union City plant operating at near capacity, Williams Sausage will invest about \$37 million to construct an approximately 180,000-square-foot facility in Obion County, which will include a cold storage distribution center, truck maintenance operations, corporate offices, and a new sandwich processing line; and

WHEREAS, Williams Sausage Company is one of the best known and most respected food brands in the world, and its ongoing commitment to Union City and Obion County strongly affirms our State's highly skilled workforce and business-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1958 by Harold and Hazel Williams, Williams Sausage produces fresh sausage, fully cooked sausage, bacon, sandwiches, and other food products for wholesale to retail grocers, restaurants, whole grocery warehouses, and food distributors; and

WHEREAS, although its brands are now sold in more than 4,000 retail outlets in twenty states, Williams Sausage remains a family-owned business managed by the founders' sons, David and Roger Williams; and

WHEREAS, Williams Sausage Company and the Williams family are excited about expanding in their hometown and are confident that the overwhelming support of the community will help propel the business to a new level of prosperity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and thank Williams Sausage Company for its recent investment in Union City and Obion County through the addition of a second plant, recognize the company as a vital part of Tennessee's food and beverage industry, and extend our best wishes for continued growth and success to the company's owners, management, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.